

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$2,014,131; balances, \$1,129,883. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 26 prem. bid, 26 prem. asked; Chicago, par bid, 15c prem. asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 25c bid, par asked.
Wheat closed higher at 50 1/2c bid May; 50 1/2c bid May; 49 1/2c bid May. 2 mixed, Oats closed at 42 1/2c bid May. 42 1/2c bid May. 42 1/2c bid May.
Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market.

WASHINGTON.
Douglas, of the defense in the Machen trial says the proceeding is to shield some guilty outsider.
The State Department accepted the resignation of W. E. Buchanan, Minister to Panama, and appointed no successor.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
A log 19 feet long were found lodged in the pipe leading to one of the pumps at the waterworks.
Application for an information against the Columbia Theater will be made today by the Building Commissioner.
First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne inspected property offered as terminals for the pneumatic tube service.
Kingsbury place residents renewed the fight on portable cottages for World's Fair purposes.

The cabin in which General John A. Logan was born may be exhibited at the World's Fair.

Newspaper men join in prayer at Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting.
The Reverend Father Joseph Zealand, S. J., who came to America with Father De Smet and recently celebrated his golden jubilee, will be buried to-morrow from St. Louis University.

William W. Grange of Edwardsville shoots and kills John Lewis, his wife's foster father, after a family quarrel.
Congressman Bartholdi won the fight in his Republican District Committee.
The Grand Jury may indict labor bosses for demanding money to prevent strikes.

Governor Bailey of Kansas doubts his power to force Rudolph to accept a pardon.
Police guarded the Madison pool-room and prevented the entrance of persons who are known to oppose the operation of the game and who sought to secure evidence.
Thieves confessed robbing a haberdashery. Some of the stolen goods were found in a suit case.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
Judge Joseph Bradshaw of Labelle, Mo., who attended every session of his court for eighteen years, died at his home.

The geological survey made in the Creek Nation preserve of the Indian Territory located 27,383 acres underlain by coal deposits.

A New York woman, after a search of seven weeks in Bowery resorts at New York, finds and causes the arrest of the man accused of killing her husband.
The report of the Attorney General shows that the majority of the Deputy Marshals of the Indian Territory who recently lost their positions were charged with incompetency and drunkenness.

John Galloway, wanted at Pekin, Ill., was arrested at Warrensburg, Mo.
Four persons were injured in a round collision of two trains in the outskirts of Kansas City.

An elevator boy at Muncie, Ind., makes nine trips up and down burning building carrying out all the persons to safety.
Baptist ministers at McKinney, Tex., adopt resolutions condemning the game of dimes.

Body of John Lewis is exhumed at Oskaloosa, Ia., to be used in the trial of his widow, who is charged with murder.
Charles Rowen, an electrician, who paid for his living at the City Jail in Des Moines, Ia., by doing odd jobs, inherits \$20,000.

Fire causes great damage at Greensboro Female College in North Carolina and historic Dartmouth Hall at Hanover, N. H.
Two hundred members of the Upper Missouri Editorial Association convene at Charleston, Ia.

The body of Senator Hanna rests on the pier that did the same services for McKinley. Thousands of persons with uncovered heads stood in a blinding snowstorm to watch the procession and afterwards viewed the body in the Chamber of Commerce. The funeral will take place today.

C. A. Hyde and Henry B. Diamond, charged with wholesale land frauds, are arrested in San Francisco.
James Arthur Young and Miss Flora May Clark, lovers of a "Quo Vadis" theatrical company, experience genuine sensations, and are married at Paducah, Ky.

St. Joseph, Mo., is flooded with counterfeit one-dollar bills.
New York detectives are searching for Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wanting her to testify before the Grand Jury.

Frank H. Hughes, a farmer living near Mount Sterling, Ill., was shot to death by his bed. His wife was held for the Grand Jury.
May wheat went to 90 1/2c at Chicago, and then, unable to cross the coveted mark, dropped back a few points.

The State rested its case in the Dewey murder trial at Norton, Kas.
The American Newspaper Publishers' Association requests the United States Attorney General to institute proceedings to determine the legality of the combinations which control the white paper output.

J. Ogden Armour gives to Armour Institute of Chicago an entire city block.

FOREIGN.
The British Home Secretary refuses to explain the grounds for mercy shown to ward Mrs. Florence Maybrick, but adds that no other female convict has been in prison longer.

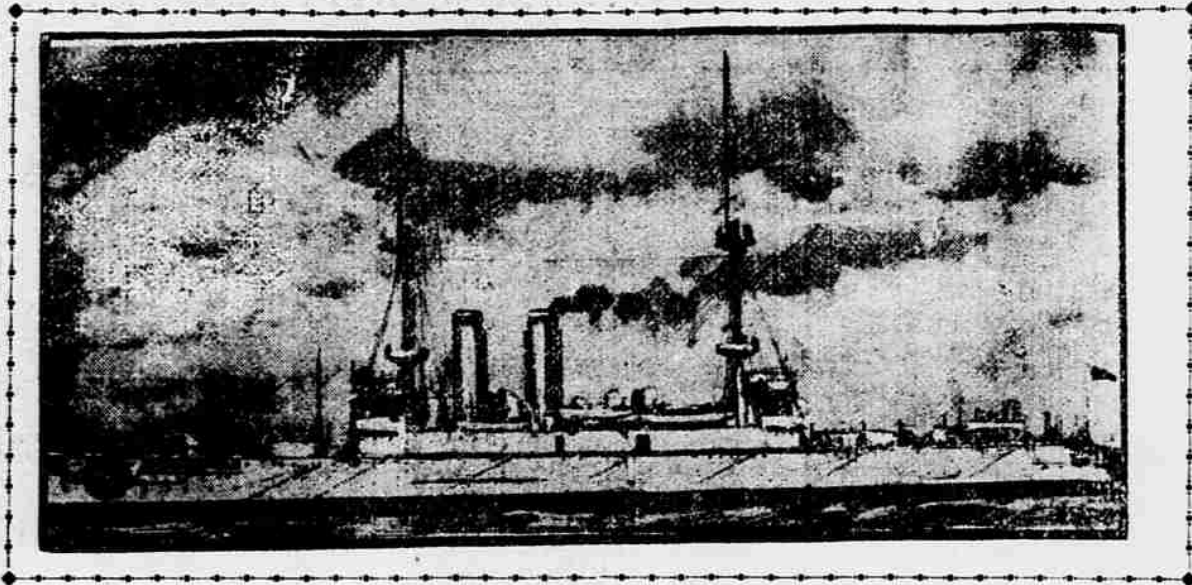
Doctor Johnson, of Transvaal raid fame, has been summoned to form a new Cabinet in Cape Colony, the Premier, Sir John Gordon Sprigg, having been defeated in his race for Parliament.
Convicts and laborers on the Galapagos Islands mutiny and kill the Governor and several other persons. Fleeing to the mainland on a schooner, they are captured and may be shot.

Russia proposes law regarding the Jews in the Polish Provinces which will make the employment of Hebrew clerks or assistants by men of the same race impossible and an unexplained emigration is expected.

Marine Intelligence.
New York, Feb. 18.—Stella, Genoa and Naples, for New York, passed Nantuxet lightship at 9:30 a. m.
New York, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Lahn, Naples, Genoa and Gibraltar; Cecil, from Liverpool; Sailed: Oscar II, Christiansend and Copenhagen; La Bretagne, Havre; Manchester, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Iberian, Boston.
Antwerp, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Belgeland, Philadelphia.
Queenstown, Feb. 18.—Sailed: Majestic, Liverpool, via New York.
London, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Columbian, Boston.
Genoa, Feb. 18.—Arrived: Augusta Victoria, New York, via Funchal and Malaga (on Oriental cruise).
Venice, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Aurania, New York, via Naples.
Marseilles, Feb. 18.—Sailed: California, New York.

RUSSIANS EMBARRASSED BY HAYS' INSISTENCE ON OPENING PORTS; KURDISH MAGNATE OFFERS TO LEAD 5,000 HORSEMEN FOR THE CZAR.

MIKADO PLACES MUCH FAITH IN THE ASAHI.



FIRST-CLASS JAPANESE BATTLESHIP ASAHI IN FULL FIGHTING TRIM.

The Asahi is one of the largest in the Japanese Navy, the Mikasa, Hatsuse and Shikishima being in the same class and having almost the same tonnage—15,443. The ship was launched three years ago and carries four 12-inch and fifty-four other guns and has four torpedo tubes. She carries 741 men.

RUSSIANS PUSH TOWARD SEOUL, OCCUPYING WIJU; OFFICIAL RUSSIAN ACCOUNT OF PORT ARTHUR BATTLE.

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teries, principally Nos. 17 and 18, were also under fire.

"The following vessels took part in the battle: In the front line were the battleships Petropavlovsk, flying the flag of Vice Admiral Stark, and commanded by Captain Jokovloff; the battleship Sevastopol, Captain Chernykhoff; the battleship Potemkin, Captain Uspenski; the battleship Peresviet, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Ukhonski, commanded by Captain Boismann; and the battleship Pobieda, Captain Sazarenko.

"There were also the first-class cruisers Bayan, Casteln Viron; Diana, Captain Satouki; Askold, Captain Grumichoff; the second-class cruisers Boyarin, Captain Sarychev; and Novik, Captain Jassen.

DAMAGED WARSHIPS JOIN IN THE FIGHT.
"The battleships Czarovich, Captain Gregorovitch, and Retzivan, Captain Senovitch, and the cruiser Pallada, Captain Kozlovich, which lay at anchor, having been damaged in the torpedo attack of the night before, likewise participated in the fight, as did the transport Angara, Captain Suchonin. There were also engaged the torpedo boats of the first and second divisions, under the divisional commanders Matussevitch and Duenster, as follows:

"Vaimatelni, Captain Simon; Vlastni, Lieutenant Karezoff; Borovoi, Captain Ilesoff; Bezstrashni, Captain Zimmermann; Bespochtchodni, Lieutenant Lukin; Vnuhtelni, Lieutenant Povushkin; Vnoeliv, Lieutenant Reichter; Grozovoi, Lieutenant Sheltinga; Razvashcheli, Captain Simonoff; Rysshelini, Lieutenant Korniloff; Silny, Lieutenant Kodorovitch; Stersushcheli, Lieutenant Kusmenkaryayev; Storcheveli, Captain Kikkin; Smyeli, Captain Schut; Serditi, Lieutenant Kusmenkaryayev, Jr.
"Throughout the fight the torpedo divisions, principally Nos. 17 and 18, were also under fire.

AGENT OF FOREIGN POWER OFFERS TO SELL RUSSIA FIVE WARSHIPS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—(Copyright, 1904.)—An agent of one of the foreign Powers offers to supply Russia with a small battleship, constructed in 1890, two cruisers and two torpedo catchers.
Much mystery is observed about the offer, and all I can be sure of is that correspondence on the subject is taking place in German.

A curious part of it is that this country hesitates on account of the ships being out of date.

Whether with the authority of his Government or not, the agent backs his offer by saying that if it is not accepted the ships will be sold to the Japanese.
Two hundred and fifty picked shipwrights have been taken from the Baltic works here to go to Port Arthur to do all this in possible to repair the ships there. The great difficulty is that, unlike Vladivostok, Port Arthur has no dry dock capable of holding big ships of war. However, Russian ingenuity will pull through.
The loss of the transport Manchuria will be keenly felt, for the vessel had on board, I am assured, 100 quick-firing guns, as well as a large supply of dynamite and ammunition.

SUSPICIONS AGAINST ENGLAND AND AMERICA.
The publication of the British bluebook

REPAIRS TO DAMAGED SHIPS HASTENED; KURDISH MAGNATE OFFERS 5,000 MEN.

Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of February 9 are rapidly proceeding.
The Czarovich, Retzivan and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons. The mishap is not so great as at first believed.

Three hundred families who left Japan, intending to proceed to Port Arthur and other points, are now living at Shanghai.

RUSSIA OFFERS EXCUSES FOR DEFEAT; SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY SERVICE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—An official proclamation explaining the unpreparedness of Russia for war and the necessity for the exercise of patience by her people has been issued here. It is as follows:

"Eight days have now elapsed since all Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy who suddenly broke off negotiations and by a treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy success in a war long desired. The Russian nation, with natural impatience, desires prompt vengeance and awaits feverishly news from the far East.
"The unity and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for her treachery and provocation to war at a time when our beloved sovereign desired to maintain peace among the nations. The conditions under which hos-

ed for some time yet, and we cannot obtain early news from the theater of war. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy the greatness and power of Russia.
"Our country displays such unity and desire for self-sacrifice on behalf of the national cause that all true news from the scene of hostilities will be immediately given to the entire nation."
REPORTS OF CHIEMULPO DISASTER WITHHELD.
No official announcement of the disaster off Chiempulpo, Korea, has yet been made here, although the papers are printing reports of the loss of the Varig and Korietz.
The St. Petersburg Gazette says: "What are we going to do with the millions subscribed for the navy?" and continues: "We cannot patch up a useless garment. Let us start afresh. Let the people decide how the money is to be spent. The ministries are too busy to give the matter due attention."

CROSS OF ST. GEORGE BESTOWED ON RUSSIANS.
"According to the reports of the commanders, the men fought exceedingly well, on which account, in virtue of the Imperial authorization, I have conferred six crosses of the Order of St. George on each company of the first and second class warships having crews of over 200 men, four crosses on each company of all other ships of the second class, one cross on each torpedo boat, one cross on the signal station at Golden Hill, which operated under the heavy fire of the enemy; four crosses on Battery No. 15, three on Battery No. 13, and one cross on a gunner who, though severely wounded, returned to his battery. Our losses were:

"Of the squadron, five officers wounded, fourteen men killed and sixty-nine men wounded.
"Of the fortress and garrison, one man killed, one man severely wounded and five men slightly wounded.
"In announcing the above to your Majesty, I am pleased to be able to add that the naval and land forces in the far East are inspired by the most heartfelt wish to meet their insolent foes breast to breast, in order to fulfill their duty in sight of their beloved fatherland, and firm and unshakable, to fight for the honor and glory of their beloved fatherland."

BRITISH STEAMER HELD FOUR DAYS AT DALNY IN SPITE OF PROTESTS.
Shanghai, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Hsi-Ping, which arrived here to-day from Chin-Wang-Tao, reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forts when seeking shelter in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur, and that she was then ordered to Dalny, where she was detained four days, in spite of her captain's protests.
The Russian gunboat Mandjur has not gone up the river to be dismantled, as reported. She remains at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave this port.

WAR DEPARTMENT SEEKS PERMISSION FOR OFFICERS TO WATCH WAR IN KOREA.
Washington, Feb. 18.—Having failed so far to secure permission from either the Russian or Japanese Government for the United States army officers to accompany the forces in the field in Manchuria, the War Department has determined to make an effort to induce the Korean Government to permit an observer to be stationed in that country, which, after all, is expected to be one of the principal battle grounds of the present conflict.

Brigadier General H. T. Allen of the Philippine Constabulary, it is said, is likely to be designated as military attaché at Seoul, where he would have full opportunity to observe the progress of the campaign.

HEBREWS DONATE SUM OF MONEY TO HELP DEFEAT RUSSIAN ARMY.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 18.—Captain L. W. Foregrave, who is organizing a regiment to help the Japanese, has received information to the effect that he will probably be furnished with a large sum of money by a Hebrew organization in New York. Two hundred thousand dollars is the amount given.

This organization recently announced a determination to buy and equip a battleship for the Japs, but recent victories in the Orient indicate that land forces are more needed. Hence the change in plans.

BRIGHT BITS OF NEWS ABOUT WAR IN ORIENT. TOLD IN BRIEF MESSAGES.
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
Seoul, Feb. 18.—(Copyright, 1904.)—The Japanese Government has decided to issue special paper money for military use throughout Korea, redeemable in gold coinage.

Tientsin, Feb. 18.—The departure of the Chinese Imperial troops from Pao-Ting-Fu to Kin-Chau to guard the frontier, has been postponed until February 21. The reasons for the postponement are not known.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Emperor William has notified the Czar and the Mikado that the German hospitals at Kiaochow and

Yokohama are available for the care of men wounded in the war.
Nagasaki, Feb. 18.—Five Russian passengers detained on board the steamer Argun and one on the steamer Ekaterinofsky were released at Sasebo to-day and allowed to proceed to their destination.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Chempulpo reasserts that seventeen officers and 429 men of the Russian warships Varig and Korietz were either killed or drowned when those vessels were destroyed.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Mexico has officially declared her neutrality in relation to the war in the far East.

RUSSIA SORELY PERPLEXED BY MAY'S ACTION IN CLOSING NEGOTIATIONS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The information contained in press dispatches from Washington that Secretary Hay had announced that the negotiations in connection with his note to the Powers on the subject of the integrity of China are to be closed without awaiting Russia's formal response came as a surprise to official circles here.

An official of the Foreign Office with whom the representative of the Associated Press talked on this matter appeared to be rather nonplused at this unexpected conclusion to the American proposition, but displayed no irritation, and said:

"If this is true, it has not changed the Russian programme. Not to await Russia's reply might, however, offend Russian susceptibilities and tend still further to increase the feeling already existing here in certain quarters that the United States Government is not friendly to Russia."

"In this connection there is no doubt the Government feels somewhat embarrassed by the desire of the United States to install Consuls in the open ports of Manchuria immediately.

UNWILLING TO OPPOSE UNWELCOME ADVANCES.
"The Government does not like to be placed in the position of putting obstacles in the way, but that entire territory is now under military control and these posts would be within the sphere of the war operations. Furthermore trade is at a standstill at present, and the authorities cannot comprehend why Washington should press this matter now. None of the other Powers is seeking to take immediate advantage of the privileges accorded by the Japanese treaties."

"As far as concerns Port Dalny, to which place an American commercial agent has been appointed, the situation is even worse, as it is not impossible that the military authorities will soon request all foreigners to leave there."

The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's note is practically ready and will be handed to Ambassador McCormick in a day or two, and possibly to-morrow.

In diplomatic circles here Secretary Hay's action is considered a free stroke of diplomacy, as it is believed that the note has brought out general acquiescence to the principle involved.

NOTE PROVIDES FOR JAPAN'S DEFEAT, SAYS GERMAN PAPER.
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
Berlin, Feb. 18.—(Copyright, 1904.)—The Prussian Gazette, which is generally considered a Government organ, announced that the diplomatic negotiations at Washington which led to Mr. Hay's note to the Powers did not exclusively deal with the recognition by them of Chinese neutrality, but that the proposal was made by the American Government that they should make provisions for the limitation of Russian action in the event of Japan being defeated.

To this proposal Germany refused to agree, being unwilling to make any definite declaration or in any way pledge herself in such contingency.

The communique of the Russian Government has been very well received here, particularly that part containing the assurance that all news from the front will be immediately published and that this is looked upon as a distinct abandonment of the secrecy characteristic of Russian statecraft.

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ALBANIANS ROUTED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

Eight Hundred Killed and Wounded by Turks in Engagement Near Babajoshi.

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 18.—The Albanians who were besieging Shemsi Pasha, who (with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns) was yesterday reported to be besieged by 30,000 Albanians at Babajoshi, have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded.

The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been ordered to Verisovich.

ITALY MIGHT TAKE A HAND.
Rome, Feb. 18.—The situation in the Balkans, especially since the revolt of the Albanians in the district of Jakovo, Province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious.

It is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made Italy would not fail to assist by disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic and most detrimental to her interests.

BOULE AS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE.
Circuit Attorney Folk Addresses Twenty-Second Ward Club.
Circuit Attorney Folk addressed the Twenty-seventh Ward Folk Club last night at the Bellevue Hall. King's highway and Eastern avenue. A large crowd attended the meeting. Mr. Folk said, in part:

"The cure of corruption is a paramount issue before the people of Missouri. The appalling disclosures of official venality in this State have made it necessary for an honest and patriotic people to remedy the things that have dishonored and oppressed. My opponents say that boodle is not an issue, yet in the same breath they talk about it. It is a question of principle, not of a mere anti-boodle plank in it."

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Driver Assaulted by Striker.
Harry Muller, a driver of the Keyes-Marshall Livery Company, was assaulted last night in front of Union Station by another driver, who drew his whip and struck him across the face. Muller drew his knife and fired one shot at his assailant, but he escaped. Muller's assailant

CZAR'S COUSIN GOING TO THE FRONT



GRAND DUKE BORIS. Who will have a command in the Manchurian campaign. He is now on his way to the front. Boris is a cousin of the Czar and is remembered in America for a brief but picturesque visit which he made to the United States two years ago. It was reported at the time that he was engaged to Miss May Goelet, who has since married the English Duke of Roxburghe.

RUSSIA NOTIFIES UNITED STATES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM FAIR.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Russian Government has informed the State Department that, owing to its inability to make what it regards as a suitable display of Russian products at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, it has abandoned the idea of making an exhibit.

RESOLUTION IN IOWA LEGISLATURE EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR RUSSIA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 18.—Sympathy with Russia in the war of the far East is extended by resolutions introduced in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth General Assembly of Iowa here this evening. These read in part:

"Be it resolved, That we are intensely interested in the war now in progress between Russia and Japan for the supremacy in Manchuria and Korea, its possible effect on Christian civilization and commerce in the far East; that we are not unmindful of the uniform kindly attitude of Russia toward this country during our entire history, its sympathy in our struggle for independence, its great service to us in the war of the rebellion, and the fact that whenever we have needed a friend it has never failed us; that we, as a neutral power, should carefully refrain from any expressions of sympathy that would indicate we were ungrateful or forgetful of past favors, also that we should take into consideration the possible effect of this war on the control of commerce. Our interests, which may seem obscure, may develop, and it may become apparent that to protect our interests we may have to lay aside our neutrality and enter the contest. The question then will be with whom will we cast our lot? Will it be with Powers naturally unfriendly toward us or with a friendly Power that has been and is now a good customer of ours in the purchase of railroad equipment and manufactured products?"

I supposed by the police to be a member of the striking cab drivers' union. No arrests were made, as Muller did not secure a description of the man.

CONTRACT FOR MISSOURI BOOK.

World's Fair Commission to Have Volume Printed by E. W. Stephens.
The Missouri World's Fair Commission awarded the contract for printing the Missouri volume yesterday. The contract was given to E. W. Stephens of Columbia on the lowest bid, which was \$22.00.

The book will be bound in silk cloth and will contain 60 pages of descriptive matter, including about 700 half-tone engravings.

The other firms bidding for the contract were: The Combe Printing Company, St. Joseph; the Lechman Printing Company, Kansas City; and Woodward & Terman and Buxton & Skinner of St. Louis.

SWIMMING RACES AT M. A. C.

Orthwein Wins Match Race—Foot Cauter Long-Distance Pleasure.
Orthwein won the special match race in the swimming contests at the Missouri Athletic Club last night. A. R. Foot captured the long-distance event, while Deauvaux won the novice race.

The 80-yard handicap went to W. Nasse, Sheldon won the high dive. The results: City-yard novice race—Deauvaux won; G. Rudke, second. Time, 29:25.
Match race—Orthwein won; Schwartz, second. Time, 3:22.5.
Long-distance plunge—A. R. Foot (42 feet 9 inches) won; N. Samuels (52 feet 3 inches), second. Time, 29:25.
High dive—Sheldon (35 inches) won; Leaton (32 inches), second.

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